

Today the House of Representatives passed H.R. 503 to end the inhumane practice of horse slaughter. As someone who cares about animal welfare, this legislation will permanently curb the practice of slaughtering horses for human consumption.

Last year more than 90,000 American horses were slaughtered in this country by three foreign-owned plants. Horse meat is not eaten in the United States, but it has been exported to overseas markets, such as France, Belgium, Japan and Italy. I applaud the animal advocates such as the Humane Society of the United States, who worked closely with Congress toward this achievement.